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**Cc:** Crossland, Ronnie[Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov]; Webster, Susan[webster.susan@epa.gov]; Restivo, Angela[Restivo.Angela@epa.gov]; Skibitski, Thomas, NMENV[thomas.skibitski@state.nm.us]; Hayes, Mark[hayes.mark@epa.gov]  
**From:** Foster, Althea  
**Sent:** Fri 8/7/2015 4:31:50 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mines

Nora,

We expect to have contractor personnel on the ground first thing tomorrow morning. Our intent is to initiate sampling of the impact zone of the plume. Our plan is to have them make contact with you Designated Operators for both Aztec and Farmington. We hope the Operators can help locate the impacted intakes so that our personnel can begin sampling as soon as possible. Additionally we hope to take custody of the background Animas River water samples they collected. Our EPA OSC, Mark Hayes will deploy for Farmington tomorrow. He will make contact with you once he is on the ground. Our contact information for the Designated Operators is as follows:

Farmington: Bob Fredrickson (505) 325-8940

Aztec: Andrew Galloway (505) 344-8684

Please let me know if you would prefer we use alternative points of contact. Please let me know if any of the contact information above is incorrect.

I can be reached at (214) 789-1572.

**From:** Skibitski, Thomas, NMENV [mailto:thomas.skibitski@state.nm.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 6:25 PM  
**To:** Foster, Althea  
**Cc:** Romero, Nora, NMENV; Crossland, Ronnie; Webster, Susan; Restivo, Angela  
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They are collecting the baseline samples on behalf of EPA. Analytes are as we discussed: TAL metals and Hg. Tomorrow we can coordinate their disposition – if you have EPA staff in the

area we can assign COC to EPA and your staff can take possession of them, if you want us to send them out we need to coordinate.

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**From:** Foster, Althea [<mailto:Foster.Althea@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 5:21 PM  
**To:** Skibitski, Thomas, NMENV  
**Cc:** Romero, Nora, NMENV; Crossland, Ronnie; Webster, Susan; Restivo, Angela  
**Subject:** Re: Gold King Mines

Thomas,

Please clarify your postscript, do you plan to perform the analysis for these samples and if so what parameters will be analyzed.

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 6, 2015, at 6:01 PM, Skibitski, Thomas, NMENV <[thomas.skibitski@state.nm.us](mailto:thomas.skibitski@state.nm.us)> wrote:

Nora,

I expect to get that answer from EPA and if their drinking water folks do not contact you directly then I will forward to you anything I get. I've cc'd the EPA region 6 on this note to make them aware of your concern.

Thanks,

TS

PS, Farmington and Aztec WWTP lab techs will collect samples from the river this evening and refrigerate them over night.

TS

**From:** Romero, Nora, NMENV  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 3:39 PM  
**To:** Skibitski, Thomas, NMENV  
**Subject:** Gold King Mines

Tom,

Can tell me who will be contacting DWB when the Animas water quality is satisfactory for human consumption. Our public water systems will be looking to us for direction on when they will be able to open their intakes for supply.

Thanks,

Nora J. Romero

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